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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 0481 ACTION CAIRO INFO SECSTATE
AMMAN DAMASCUS JIDDA JAN 11.

QUOTE S E C R E T TEL AVIV 0481

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FOR EILTS FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, MILI, EG, IS
SUBJECT: BEGIN ON BELLICOSITY

1. AS I WAS LEAVING BEGIN'S HOME LATE THIS EVENING,
JANUARY 11,AFTER A LENGTHY MEETING, HE ASKED THAT
I CONVEY TO YOU, AND HE WOULD HOPE THROUGH YOU TO
THE GOE, A POLITE MESSAGE. HE WAS STRUCK TODAY HE
SAID BY THE RISING TIDE OF RENEWED THREATS OF WAR
WHICH SEEMED TO BE APPEARING IN THE CAIRO PRESS
SUDDENLY AGAIN. HE CITED PARTICULARLY AN EDITORIAL

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IN ON OF THE LEADING CAIRO PAPERS, I THINK IT WAS,
EL AHAM, THREATENING HIM PERSONALLY WITH "ANOTHER
OCTOBER" UNLESS HE YIELDS TO EGYPTIAN REQUIREMENTS.
HE SAID WITH A RELAXED SMILE THAT THIS KIND OF THREAT
HAS ABSOLUTELY NO IMPACT ON HIM OR ON ISRAELIS IN
GENERAL, THAT IT IS USELESS IN INTIMIDATING HIM
TO MAKE UNWISE CONCESSIONS. AND IT WOULD BE FAR

BETTER TO REFRAIN FROM SUCH LANGUAGE. (HE THEN
WRYLY COMMENTED ON WHAT HAD INDEED OCCURRED IN
OCTOBER 1973 WITH RESPECT TO THE MILITARY OUTCOME,
MERELY TO ILLUSTRATE THE UNREALITY OF THIS KIND OF
PRESS STORY.)

2. I LEAVE IT TO YOU TO DO WHATEVER YOU THINK BEST
WITH BEGIN'S MESSAGE. BUT HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED ME
TO ASK YOU TO CONVEY IT.
LEWIS UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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